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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

References AA and AO through AQ on Form PTO-1449:

The photosensitive resin composition of claim 1 in Preliminary Amendment contains component (A), component (B), component (C) and tris(2-acryloyloxyethyl) isocyanurate (abbreviated as "TAI").

The document US 5,616,630 does not disclose tris(2-acryloyloxyethyl) isocyanurate (TAI).

The document EP 0 601 203 A1 does not disclose components (A) and (B) of the present invention.

The document DE 40 10 784 A1 does not disclose tris(2-acryloyloxyethyl) isocyanurate (TAI).

The document EP 0 346 486 A1 does not disclose the components (A) and (B) of the present invention.

The art of the combination of the component (A), and component (B) and tris(2-acryloyloxyethyl) isocyanurate (TAI) of the present invention is novel over the documents AA, and AO through AQ.

Also, the present invention has advantages which cannot be foreseen from the cited documents AA, and AO through AQ. Namely, the resin composition of the present invention has an appropriate viscosity, an appropriate refractive index, excellent heat resistance (i.e. a high Tg), excellent patterning ability, and excellent transmission characteristic as shown in Table 1 in the specification.

Accordingly, the present invention has an inventive step in addition to a novelty over the documents AA, and AO through AQ.



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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	5,616,630	4/1/1997	Richard E. HEINZE			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	TRANSLATION		
	AO	EP 0 601 203 A1	6/15/1994	Europe	YES		
	AP	DE 40 10 784 A1	10/10/1991	Germany			X
	AQ	EP 0 346 486 A1	12/20/1989	Europe			
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